

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Alex Williams**

**Ward: Pencoed & Penprysg**

**Party: Independent**

This report identifies my key activities for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

\* The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Bridgend County Borough Council. \*

## **Role & Responsibilities**

During 2024/2025, I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council in addition to my responsibilities in representing the residents of Pencoed, Heol-y-Cyw and the smaller communities of Wern Tarw, Rhiwceiliog and Bryngarn in assisting them on a wide range of issues.

I was appointed as Chairperson of Scrutiny & Overview Committee 1 which primarily scrutinised matters relating to Education, Early Years and Young People.

I was also a member of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee which has overall responsibility for scrutinising corporate performance and the Council's finances.

As a result of holding these roles, I sat as a Member of the BCBC Budget Research & Evaluation Panel; the School Improvement Group and the Social Services Improvement Board. I was also a Member of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee; the Cabinet Corporate Parenting Committee and the Pencoed Community Safety Sub-Group.

## **Full Council**

During the reporting period, there have been 12 Full Council meetings during which I made contributions.

For more information about the work of Bridgend County Borough's Full Council, please click [here](#).

## **Scrutiny & Overview Committee 1 – Education, Early Years & Young People**

There have been 7 meetings of the Committee which primarily deals with issues pertaining to Education, Early Years and Young People. The issues which have been discussed include:

- Bridgend Youth Justice Service and Bridgend Youth Support Service
- Pupil Behaviour, Attendance and Exclusions
- School Modernisation
- The Budget 2025/2026 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy
- Pupil Attendance
- Education, Early Years and Young People Directorate Strategic Plan 2023-2026 Update
- Learner Travel

For more information about the work of Scrutiny & Overview Committee 1, please click [here](#).

## **Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

There have been 8 meetings of the Committee and the issues discussed included:

- The Medium-Term Financial Strategy & Capital Strategy (Budget)
- Budget Monitoring & Revenue Outturn Reports
- Corporate Plan Delivery Plan; Corporate Performance & Self-Assessment
- Disabled Facilities Grant
- Cabinet Members' Overview of their Strategic Direction and Priorities for the Coming Year

For more information about the work of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, please click [here](#).

## **Attendance**

At the 30 meetings which I have been expected to attend, I have been present for 27 and have had to send apologies to 3 meetings.

## **Referrals & Member Development**

During the reporting period, I have supported the residents of Pencoed & Penprysg on a variety of issues and have formally raised over 100 referrals with the Council via the Portal. This is in addition to raising issues on a daily basis directly with relevant officers and formally liaising with other third-party organisations and stakeholders on behalf of residents and informally addressing dozens of other issues which I have been asked to resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended several Member Development Activities which have assisted me to ensure that my knowledge is up to date.

## **Constituency Activity**

The Council delivers more than 800 services, and the role of a County Borough Councillor is varied. From the referrals which I have made on behalf of residents in Pencoed & Penprysg, I have sought to support members of the public on issues ranging from: -

- Adult and Children's Social Care and Safeguarding
- Education & Family Support, Home to School Transport, Additional Learning Needs and Welsh-medium education provision
- Waste Management, Recycling, Fly-Tipping and Dog Fouling
- Highways and Transport including resurfacing, potholes, speeding, parking, active travel, road safety, street lighting and signage
- Social Housing and Disabled Facilities Grants
- Parks and Playgrounds
- Rights of Way
- Planning & Planning Enforcement
- Greenspaces – Grass cutting and TPOs
- Flooding and Drainage
- Council Tax and Cost of Living Payments
- Regulatory Issues including Noise Pollution; Environmental Health; Fire Safety
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Bereavement Services

I am also a Committee Member of Heol-y-Cyw RFC and Treasurer of Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

Among the key issues affecting the Pencoed and Penprysg Ward on which I have been supporting residents and working with Bridgend County Borough Council are:

- The multi-million-pound ambition to regenerate Pencoed town centre; dual the Penprysg Road Bridge; close the railway crossing; and ensure that any moratorium on development west of the railway line remains in place until Hendre Road is widened and public amenities in Pencoed improve.
- Planning issues surrounding a major development east of Pencoed.
- School Modernisation.
- Planning Appeals in Rhiwceiliog.
- Community Asset Transfers including land at Heol-y-Cyw RFC.

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